

# Secondary Diabetes Prevention: A Partnership with Public Health: Seattle & King County



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# Aging and Disability Services

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- **Mission** - To develop a community that promotes independence and choice for older people and adults with disabilities in King County.
- **2000 budget:** \$32.5 million of federal, state, and local resources.
- **19 Service Areas:** Ranging from Adult Day to Nutrition, and Transportation.

# ADS Area Plan on Aging

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- A four year planning document that highlights goals and levels of service for older adults in King County.
- Area Plan Focus (2000-03)
  - Home Care Quality
  - Healthy Aging
  - Long Term Care
  - Housing
  - Caregivers Support

# ADS Diabetes Objective

- **Healthy Aging:**  
To increase by 5% the number of case management clients diagnosed with diabetes whose diabetes is under control (by December 2003).



# Healthy Eating for Healthy Aging

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- **Program within Public Health: Seattle & King County, Chronic Disease Prevention and Healthy Aging Unit.**
- **Funding matched through WA State Department of Health and DHHS Food Stamp Nutrition Education.**

# Healthy Eating Healthy Aging: Goals

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- To help middle aged adults and seniors who are struggling to feed themselves in a healthy way on a limited budget.
- To reduce racial and ethnic disparities of disease, especially diabetes, among low income middle-aged adults and seniors.

# Healthy Eating for Healthy Aging

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- **Scope of Work:**

- cooking / tasting food demonstrations
- systems change for diabetes clients
- medical nutrition therapy for homebound clients
- nutrition screening for seniors
- coordinate a King County Senior Nutrition Forum
- train students and professionals to work with low- income seniors

# King County Diabetes Demographics

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- **Diabetes: Focus of PHSKC 11/99 Data Watch.**
- **Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in King County.**
- **About 66,000 King County adult residents have diabetes.**
- **The diabetes death rate in King County has increased 50% since the mid-1980's.**



# King County Diabetes Demographics

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- The risk of diabetes increases with age.
- The rates of hospitalization and death also increase with age.
- The prevalence of and death rates for diabetes in African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanics are substantially higher than whites.

# ADS: The Work Group

- ADS Case Management Program
- Public Health: Seattle & King County
- American Diabetes Association
- WA State Dept of Health - Diabetes Control Program
- Asian Counseling & Referral Service
- Chinese Information & Service Center
- Evergreen Care Network

# ADS: The Work Plan

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- Establish baseline data and diabetic registry.
- Identify the target intervention group.
- Develop intervention strategies.
- Train case management staff to provide intervention strategies.
- Pilot project implementation.

# ADS: The Registry Components

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- Name
- Identification Number
- Gender
- Race/Ethnicity
- Language (Interpreter)
- Date of Birth
- Address and Phone
- Primary Care Physician
- Name of Insurance
- Weight and Height (BMI)
- Date/Year of Diagnosis
- Hx HGB-A1C (Value, date, normal range)
- Does client monitor blood glucose?
- Medications (Insulin, Oral, other)
- Smoking
- Interventions (1, 2, 3, etc.)

# Diabetes Objective: Current Status

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- Received \$12,000 from in-house Supplemental Funding for 2000.
- Working to establish the database:
  - Identifying clients with diabetes.
  - Contacting them re: their participation and client consent form.
  - Contacting the health care provider for information on each client.

# Diabetes Objective: Current Status

- **Healthy Eating for Healthy Aging funded for 2001:**
  - **Home visits to provide Medical Nutrition Therapy for 75 seniors or disabled adults with diabetes through Aging and Disability Services Case Management.**



# Diabetes Objective: Current Status

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- **REACH: Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health, CDC funding to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health, specifically diabetes**
  - Overall community will receive interventions
  - Possibility of direct funding for case management

# Modifiable Risk Factors

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- **Obesity**
- **Physical inactivity**
- **Poor nutrition and lack of access to food**
- **Lack of knowledge about diabetes**
- **Lack of awareness of having diabetes**
- **Lack of resources to manage diabetes**
- **Inadequate medical care**



# Planned Intervention Strategies

- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Physical Activity
- Medication Management
- Appropriate Preventive Measures (blood, eyes, feet, etc.)



# Value of Partnership

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- **To Aging and Disability Services:**
  - Addresses mission statement.
  - Introduces health and preventive care to case management program.
- **To Public Health: Seattle & King Co.:**
  - Addresses goals of Healthy Eating for Healthy Aging
  - Addresses goal of REACH

**Everyone can be great  
because everyone can  
serve. All it takes is a  
heart full of grace and a  
soul that generates love.**

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

